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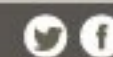
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Enough.

I cannot think of any other workplace in this country in which we condone the infantile behaviour we see all too often in the House of Commons. Not even elementary schools put up with this kind of crap.



Conservative Party whip Gord Brown, left, NDP leader Tom Mulcair and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Steve Rennie
Metro | Ottawa

Day in and day out our elected leaders make a mockery of democracy with the lack of respect they show each other when they resort to heckling, name-calling and — now — knocking and grabbing. It is embarrassing, and it is shameful.

Anyone who has the misfortune of following politics for a living could have told you tensions on Parliament Hill have been running high these past few weeks. Those tensions boiled over late Wednesday afternoon when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took it upon himself to grab Conservative whip Gord Brown's arm and forcibly drag him through a crowd of New Democrat MPs, knocking into Ruth Ellen

Brosseau in the process.

I want to pause here to make an observation on what this altercation revealed to me about our prime minister's character. It takes a certain level of arrogance, and not a little narcissism, for Trudeau to decide that he would have to personally interject himself and literally drag Brown down the aisle when he saw the Opposition whip's path was being blocked. That he apparently told the New Democrat MPs to "get the f-k out of my way" suggests he saw them not as human beings, but as annoying obstacles standing in his way. These things do not reflect well on the leader of our country.

But this episode unfolded all-too-predictably when the New Democrats and Conservatives once again overplayed the outrage card. We had the NDP's Niki Ashton calling the experi-

ence "deeply traumatic" and suggesting young female MPs might not feel safe coming to work. Conservative Jason Kenney piled on, characterizing Trudeau's conduct as "increasingly dictatorial" and calling him a bully. I am not defending Trudeau's actions. They were blockheaded and wildly inappropriate. And I am not discounting the range of emotions that MPs may have felt when the prime minister briskly strode across the aisle and grabbed Brown by the arm. But the opposition parties were laying it on ridiculously thick.

I wonder what was going through former prime minister Stephen Harper's mind as he watched the whole ugly scene unfold with a bemused look on his face? Critics used words like nasty, mean-spirited and vindictive to describe his Conservative government. Say what you will about Harper (and you could say

a lot of things, both good and bad), but he never would have pulled a dumb stunt like this.

Trudeau's Liberals won the last election in part because they realized people were sick of the pettiness and ugliness that we often saw during the Harper years. They promised us "sunny ways" and a more conciliatory approach. Here we are, not even a year in, and things are as bad as they ever were. There is no better time than now to have an adult conversation about doing something — anything — to fix this broken way of doing politics. Trudeau was a schoolteacher in an earlier life. He ought to make this a teachable moment. Starting with himself.

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Garrison Brewery hopeful new drink comes to fruition

BUSINESS

Beermaker asks customers to swap rhubarb for store credit



Jeremy Mutton
For Metro | Halifax

Got some spare rhubarb kicking around in the backyard? Garrison Brewing hopes you do.

The Halifax brewery wants to buy unused rhubarb so a new beer can come to fruition.

"Pretty much everybody has rhubarb in their yard, but they're not quite sure what to do with it," Garrison president Brian Titus said Thursday.

"We're going to brew with it, and it's going to be amazing."

The rhubarb beer kicks off a new series called U Pick, which features Garrison asking cus-

tomers to trade in ingredients for store credit. They've even issued their own currency. A pound of rhubarb gets you two "Rhubucks," equivalent to two dollars — but in-store only.

"Don't go trying to fill up your gas tank with these!" Titus warned.

This is Garrison's first foray into brewing with rhubarb. Titus says he got his inspiration from the backyard.

"I was just looking out my kitchen window at the rhubarb. It's getting bigger and bigger and I thought, wouldn't it be neat? And he can't say no, he's always up for a challenge."

"I never say no, that's my problem!" brewmaster Daniel Girard joked in response.

He's the guy tasked with bringing this from hair-brained idea to palatable beer. And he needs a lot of rhubarb to get it right.

"Two, three hundred kilograms, maybe. The more I have, the better," Girard said.

He's still in the experimental phase of the project, tasting his concoction at different stages of the process and tweaking it until it's just right. But skeptics thinking rhubarb isn't sweet enough should rest easy.



Garrison Brewing president Brian Titus, left, and brewmaster Daniel Girard of Garrison Brewery in Halifax, stack up some rhubarb that was donated Thursday. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

"It's tart, like a young apple. It's puckery. Having it in beer it will have some residual sweetness," he said.

Titus said Garrison likes to use odd ingredients such as rosehips, hibiscus, and even lavender for beers that are "tasty, but unique." He said if

this takes off, it could become a staple.

"Things like our spruce beer, we'll go out, we'll harvest bags and bags of spruce tips, fir tips. It's become an amazing beer that we distribute now among eight different provinces and we're looking at getting it into

the States. That was an experiment ... and it's gone big. People love it and they anticipate it every year."

Titus said the U Pick series is as much for enjoyment as it is product development.

"If you're going to make beer, might as well have fun with it."



Pretty much everyone has rhubarb in their yard.

Brian Titus



Garrison Brewery's "Rhubucks."
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THINGS TO DO IN HALIFAX THIS WEEKEND

From stuffing your face on a food crawl to running off those calories in a marathon, there are plenty of activities to keep you entertained this long weekend.



1 Blue Nose Marathon

Whether you are a first time runner or a diehard, this weekend's Blue Nose Marathon offers six running events and welcomes people of all ages, abilities and fitness levels. The long weekend event also includes an Active Living Expo on Friday and Saturday with 70 vendors and more than 80 booths at the World Trade and Convention Centre.



2 Merlin's birthday

The rainbow macaw who calls the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic home turns 14 this year and you're invited to help celebrate on Saturday. A scavenger hunt gets the party started at 10 a.m. and handicrafts inspired by the birthday bird will be set up from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. when cake will be served. Admission to the museum is \$9.55 for adults and \$5.15 for children ages six to 17. Family passes (up to two adults and up to six kids) are \$24.75.



3 Dartmouth Food Crawl

Celebrate completing a marathon (or, like me, bulk up for your Netflix binge) by gorging on some great local food at the third edition of the Downtown Dartmouth Food Crawl. Nineteen restaurants are participating with a range of takeout items from tacos and sandwiches to crepes and donuts, all under \$10. Do you really need any more convincing? The event starts at runs from 5-7 p.m. Friday.



4 Maritime Tattoo Festival

The Maritime Tattoo Festival is back for its 10th anniversary, showcasing more than 70 tattoo artists from across Canada. Hosted by Halifax comedian Megan McDowell, the festival starts Saturday with aerial ballet: high-flying performers will flip and spin on silk ropes and hoops starting at 3 p.m. Other entertainment includes a nightly freak show and live music from grungy Halifax rock band Old Blood Sunday. A day pass will run you \$15, or \$35 for the weekend. Kids under 12 can get day passes for just \$5. VIP passes (\$80) include a ticket for the annual Boat Cruise after party Sunday night aboard the Harbour Queen.

5 The Circus of STEAM

A unique type of circus comes to town this weekend: The Circus of STEAM. This exhibit opens Saturday at the Discovery Centre and will showcase all things science, technology, engineering, arts and math. The circus will feature entertaining experiments led by a science ringmaster (dream job!), a paper airplane challenge, balloon animals, reptiles, a juggling challenge, and a magnetic gear wall. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for the kids.



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End is in sight for long dispute

HISTORIC SITE

Citadel Hill value close to resolution, official says

Municipal officials in Halifax say a 22-year-long dispute with the federal government over the value of Citadel Hill is nearing an end.

Halifax spokesman Brendan Elliott says acting CAO John Traves has been in discussions with Ottawa recently and feels a resolution will be reached "shortly."

"(Traves) said they have been having good conversations and he gets the sense that there's a willingness to resolve it," said Elliott on Thursday.

The two sides went before a federal panel in Halifax nearly two years ago to help determine how much Ottawa owes the city in back taxes for the national historic site.

Early last year, the payment in lieu of taxes advisory panel valued Citadel Hill at \$41.2 million — \$37.6 million more

+ PROPERTY TAX

While the federal government does not pay property taxes, the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act provides a framework for municipalities to collect on federal property such as national historic sites and parks.

than what Ottawa argued the national historic site was worth.

The panel's recommendation was sent to the Public Works Department and minister Judy Foote will ultimately make the final decision, more than two decades after the dispute began.

The federal government had argued in Canada's top court that the roughly 16 hectares of land in downtown Halifax was only worth \$10 because it has no commercial value.

But the Supreme Court ruled in June 2012 that Ottawa cannot set payments based on its own property value assessments that are far lower than provincial assessments.

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Citadel Hill in downtown Halifax is shown in this file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

CONSTRUCTION ZONES

Slow down, police warn drivers



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Halifax police are reminding motorists to slow down in construction zones now that warmer weather has arrived.

In a press release issued Thursday, Halifax Regional Police asked drivers to watch their speed and be aware of multiple road construction zones in local communities and on highways.

Police said they will be actively monitoring construction

zones to protect road crews, motorists and pedestrians.

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CITY PLANNING

Province pulls out of plan for affordable housing units



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

After years of delays, Halifax's north end councillor is feeling a "sense of relief" that the Bloomfield Centre project can move forward.

On Thursday, the provincial government announced it will no longer be the developer for a planned affordable housing project on the Agricola Street property, leaving the door open for a private developer.

"I'm feeling a bit of a sense of relief that there's clarity on the status of the project," Coun. Jennifer Watts said in an interview Thursday.

"There was no clear timeline," she said. "It just really seemed like it was stalled."

Watts had also made a motion for city staff to meet with the province about the Bloomfield project, and that report will come back to council next Tuesday to give municipal representatives an opportunity to debate next steps.

Although the provincial government will not be developing the project itself,



Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard speaks to reporters at Province House on Thursday. Inset: Bloomfield Centre.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

Watts said this is a "good place we're in," since lots of public consultation was held through the province and Imagine Bloomfield group, so there's no need to start from scratch.

The municipality can now move forward on creating an RFP (request for proposal) for the kind of affordable housing the community needs, Watts



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Coun. Jennifer Watts

said, adding she's glad to see the province still committed to helping participate in what Bloomfield becomes, even if its not developing the project. Affordable home owner-

ship in particular would be a good model, Watts said, which many other municipalities are using and supports people who haven't been able to move into the housing market.

"What is going to enable them to make that step? How are you going to protect that investment?" Watts asked. "It's not rocket science."

She added that having Housing Nova Scotia involved with that model "would be a tremendous benefit" and wouldn't have to completely rest on the back of a private developer.

Community services minister Joanne Bernard said Bloomfield would not solve the affordable housing problem in Halifax Regional Municipality, where there is a waiting list of approximately 1,500 people.

"We know people who are struggling with affordability in HRM are not able to qualify for a loan for a condo, let alone a market-value condo," she told reporters Thursday.

Sixty per cent of Bloomfield is market-value condos, she said. Ten per cent would be viable affordable housing, and Bernard said that could still be required in any future development.

"Bloomfield was not going to be the panacea to address that problem."

NDP leader Gary Burrill fumed over the "broken promise."

"If you want to develop affordable housing, the best way to do it is to have the government in a position of ownership. The government is not subject to the same speculative pressures of the market that the private sector is," Burrill said.

Bernard said the project's scale was just too big. "HNS is not a private developer," she said. "It simply doesn't have the capacity."

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Parents received food for thought Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

North-end schools set for changes

EDUCATION

Residents hear explanation of four options under review



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Residents in Halifax's north end have been given four rough options for how their schools could change under a review process, but some of them question whether a final plan will be accepted by the province.

Nearly 100 parents, community members, and Halifax Regional School Board staff gathered at Highland Park Junior High on Thursday to hear the four scenarios laid out by the School Options Committee created from comments in the first April meeting, and give feedback.

"It could be a combination," options chairman Jon Frost said of the four alternatives. "There's a lot of open minds in here."

The North End Academy scenario would turn St. Stephen's Elementary into a Primary-to-Grade 9 school with major renovations, meaning Highland Park would close and students go to St. Stephen's. St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay (SJAM) School would get a new building on its site.

Under The Bright Unite plan, SJAM would close and kids move to a new elementary school built on Highland Park site with elementary kids from St. Stephen's, while a new junior high with English and French immersion would go into St. Stephen's and accept Highland Park students. Under those two, Oxford and Joseph Howe get renovations.

A High Tech Junior High option would consolidate junior high students into the Highland Park site with a new building or major renovations to become a STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math)-focused school. SJAM would get a new building, while Joseph Howe and St. Stephen's get renovations, and Oxford could close, become Primary-to-Grade 6, or look into partnerships to offset costs.

The last option would give all schools renovations and a new building for SJAM.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood, a St. Stephen's parent, said she likes the idea of a consolidated tech junior high, but isn't sure if the province would approve two new schools.



There's a lot of open minds in here.

Options chairman Jon Frost

The process has been good, she added, though "I just worry about the impact it's going to have," because the (board) still has to approve a plan and ask for capital funding from the province.

"They're not going to tell you how much (money) they have but it would be nice to know, so then you know 'are we being realistic?'" Lovasi-Wood said.

Frost said he understands the frustrations the review can seem like looking for a "light switch in a dark room," but has hope the plan the community decides on will be supported at all levels.

The final meeting during which the options committee presents its draft plan will be June 7 at Citadel High School, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

POLICE

Senior charged in crash that killed 3

Police have charged an 86-year-old Janvrin's Island woman in relation to a four-vehicle crash in Cape Breton that killed three people.

RCMP charged the woman with driving left of the centre line, last December on Highway 104 in Port Malcolm.

Kayla Lynn Cotton, 26, of Louisdale, Sara Marie Poirier, 12, and Sara Cecena, 13, of

Mexico, died in the crash.

Cotton was a teacher at Felix Marchand Education Centre, while the two girls were students at Richmond Education Centre. All three were travelling in the same car to a junior high school girls' volleyball tournament in Port Hawkesbury, N.S.

The woman is due in Port Hawkesbury provincial court on Aug. 3. TC MEDIA

IN BRIEF

Sex crime sentence in fall

A former school teacher found guilty of sex crimes with boys will be sentenced in October.

Carolyn Amy Hood was found guilty in April of four charges that include two counts of luring, sexual interference and sexual exploitation. The charges were laid in relation to offences involving minors from Feb. 1 to Sept. 30, 2013. She was teaching

Grade 6 at Thorburn Consolidated at the time, when it was a primary-to-Grade 9 school.

Sentencing awaits a doctor's report, expected in August. Hood's counsel told Pictou provincial court it would be challenging the mandatory minimum sentence for the offences. The court set aside a full day on Oct. 13 for the hearing and sentencing. TC MEDIA

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Bay of Fundy to get tidal power turbine

The first of two towering turbines designed by Cape Sharp Tidal to harness the immense power of the Bay of Fundy will be installed next month off the coast of Nova Scotia, a company official announced Thursday.

Sarah Dawson, the community relations manager for the project, said one of the five-storey high, two-megawatt turbines built in Pictou by Aecon Atlantic Industrial Inc., will be loaded on a barge during the first week of June and travel around the province until it reaches the test site near Parrsboro.

"Our project aims to deploy two two-megawatt hydro devices at the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE) site, just west of Parrsboro, and we're aiming to put both of those turbines in the water this year," Dawson said.

The turbine, which is 16-metres in diameter and weighs 1,000 tonnes, was originally scheduled for deployment last year, but Dawson said it was delayed by weather.

"Safety is always our top priority and we'll install them when we have the best confi-

dence that we can do it safely and successfully," she said.

Cape Sharp Tidal — which is a partnership of OpenHydro and Emera — has not revealed the total cost of the project, but Dawson said the company has committed to spend 70 per cent of the overall cost in Nova Scotia.

She said once connected to the power grid, the turbines will provide enough electricity for about 1,000 homes.

The new turbines are a bigger and more robust version of a turbine tested by OpenHydro and Nova Scotia Power in 2009 that was heavily damaged by the Bay of Fundy's powerful currents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A total of five companies from around the world have been awarded a demonstration site at the FORCE test facility.

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HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

Real estate company unveils port project

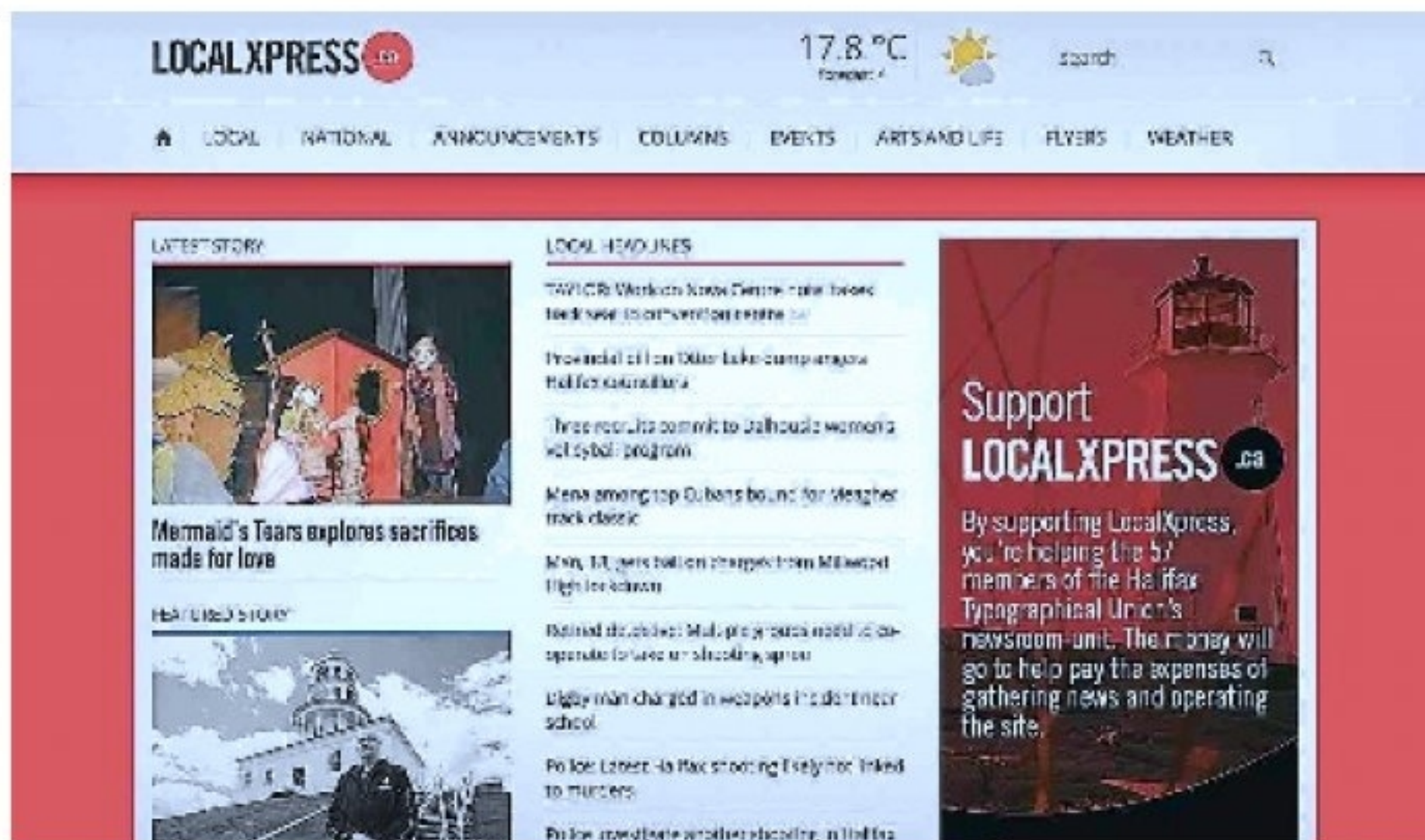
A national real estate company is partnering with Harbour Port Development Partners on plans to construct a large scale logistics park as part of Sydney's deep water port development project.

"Novaport and its adjacent logistics park, Novazone, will undoubtedly change transportation patterns in eastern North America," said Jonathan Wener, chairman and CEO of Canderel, in a press release.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Sydney, Nova Scotia and Canada to play a decisive role in international trade."

Wener presented his company's plan to develop Novazone at an address during the 2016 Sydney Harbour Port Days on Thursday.

The proposal will be carried out in three phases, covering 1,250 acres of developable land, and will require a \$1.6 billion investment. TC MEDIA



LocalXpress.ca, the online publication made by Halifax Chronicle Herald's striking employees. SCREENSHOT

News staff on strike expand online paper

MEDIA

Union unveiled site after 61 workers walked off the job

Striking Halifax newspaper workers have entered into a revenue-sharing partnership with a digital news company in a bid to compete more aggressively with their employer.

On Thursday, union officials at the Halifax Chronicle Herald unveiled an expanded version of LocalXpress.ca, an online publication that they launched a

week after 61 newsroom staff walked off the job Jan. 23.

Those on strike include reporters, editors, photographers, editorial writers, columnists, page technicians and support staff.

The upgraded version of the online newspaper has a digital platform designed by Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.-based Village Media.

The 15-year-old company operates a number of local news and community websites in Ontario, including sites in Guelph, Barrie, Timmins, North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. It also has on-line partnerships in Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Manitoulin Island.

The expanded site — which

Well that might wake people up.
Stephen Kimber, on the new site competing with the Herald

will include news, sports, a business section, weather and entertainment stories — will accept advertising, and revenue will be used to cover expenses and ensure the publication's registered non-profit status, said Martin O'Hanlon of the Communications Workers of America, parent of the striking Halifax

Typographical Union.

Stephen Kimber, a Metro Halifax columnist and journalism professor, said the new publication just might work.

"Perhaps by publishing a real online newspaper that challenges the management of the Herald with a product that is directly in competition, well that might wake people up," said Kimber, who teaches at the University of King's College.

Kimber said the upstart publication won't pose a financial threat to the Herald in the short term. However, he said advertisers will take notice if readership starts to climb.

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Couple not a fawn of deer

WILDLIFE

Seeks plan to divest property of problem visitors

Any given day, Terri Bowie might look out of back window and catch sight of a deer.

Then again, she might see a dozen or more.

Bowie, who lives at the end of a long wooded driveway on Kaulback Street, Truro, isn't happy with the situation. She wants the town to take action.

"These are tame and have no fear, leaving us to wonder what they will do next," she said.

15

As many 15 deer have been in the couple's backyard at any one time.

"This winter my five-year-old granddaughter was trying to build a snowman when a deer came and took the carrot out of her hand."

Terri and her husband Gordon moved to the property in June 2015. The woman they bought the place from had erected wire fencing around her shrubs to protect them.

The Bowies removed most of the fencing to improve ap-



A Truro couple, who regularly have deer eating on their property, want the town to take some action. TC MEDIA

pearances — and large portions of the plants have now been eaten.

Gordon planted garlic because the animals don't like it, but they still graze on nearby grass.

"During the fall there were as many as 15," said Terri.

"You have to shoo them away because they'll follow you. I'm sure somebody in the

"You have to shoo them away because they'll follow you. I'm sure somebody in the area is feeding them. Terri Bowie on the neighbourhood deer problem"

area is feeding them."

She informed Truro Town Council she has no problem

with them sending someone onto her property to tranquilize and relocate the deer; at

the same time, she wouldn't mind if they are killed and used as food for animals at the wildlife park.

"They have to do something," she said.

"I'm worried that somebody's going to get hurt. They cross Glenwood when the sun's setting and people driving in that area might not see them."

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WOMEN'S SHELTER

Union reaches key deal



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

The union representing employees at Adsum House said staff will immediately benefit from improvements as a result of a new contract reached with their employer.

"A really positive part of this process is that management wanted its workers to have a living wage in Halifax that was actually developed by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA-NS)," CUPE's national representative Todd MacPherson said in a press release on Thursday.

The deal for the 20 employees at the Halifax women's shelter also includes inclusion of common-law partner and same-sex spouse for bereavement leave and the ability for an employee to leave the workplace because of a traumatic event with no loss of pay.



IN BRIEF

Man sought in alleged flash

Police are on the lookout for a man who allegedly dropped his pants — and showed off his penis — to the female employee of a Dartmouth clothing store Wednesday night.

The suspect is described as five-foot-11, between 200 and 220 pounds with curly dark hair and a beard. He was wearing a red baseball jersey, black gym pants and white sneakers when the act allegedly occurred. Anyone with information is asked to call Halifax police. METRO

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The town has created a pamphlet urging residents not to feed deer. There is a bylaw that prohibits feeding them and fines have been laid for doing so.

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'Still in shock that we're here'

EDUCATION

Daughters graduate with mom at MSVU

When Kingston resident Mary Lou Bouchard walked across the stage at Mount Saint Vincent University on Thursday, she wasn't alone — literally.

The single mom of three was followed across the stage by her two oldest daughters, 24-year-old Jenny Clifford and 22-year-old Liana Clifford.

All three women graduated together with a bachelor's degree in child and youth studies.

"It feels amazing. Unbelievable," said Mary Lou in an interview prior to the graduation. "It's like a dream come true. I'm still in shock that we're here."

Mary Lou, who was previously an avionics technician with the air force, became a stay-at-home mom when her youngest daughter, Robyn, was born. She'd planned to go back to school when Robyn, now 19, started school, but that didn't happen.



Kingston resident Mary Lou Bouchard, centre, graduated with daughters Liana Clifford and Jenny Clifford with a bachelor's degree in child and youth studies on Thursday. TC MEDIA

When Jenny graduated from high school, though, Mary Lou figured it was now or never time and took the plunge. Together, Mary Lou and Jenny attended NSCC Kingstec, where they graduated from the health and human services program.

"I never planned to continue

"We couldn't have done it without each other."

Mary Lou Bouchard

on to university. I just planned to go to college, but everyone encouraged me," she said.

Mount Saint Vincent has a program that applies NSCC credits toward a university degree, prompting Jenny and Mary Lou to enroll. By that time, Liana was ready to attend

+ AMBITIONS

Next steps

The three women are looking into pursuing a master's program through Acadia within the next two years and dream of eventually opening a counseling practice in the Valley. Attending Acadia could mean they'll attend school beside the youngest daughter, Robyn Clifford, who recently finished her first year at Acadia.

university and started taking extra classes to catch up with her sister and mother.

All three women balanced school with work and were able to graduate debt-free.

"We were working full-time at École Rose-des-Vents in Greenwood, Jenny as an EA and I was working in preschool," Mary Lou said. "We'd work until 2:30, then travel to the Mount for night classes. We did that for three years."

The last two years, mother

and daughters studied full-time — "It was taking too long and I was losing motivation," Mary Lou said — spending three hours a day in their car as they drove back and forth, clocking as many as 1,200 kilometres a week sometimes.

Their Kingston home was sometimes more like a dormitory than a family residence, but they split up chores and responsibilities, "and we all understood when we had midterms or big papers due," Mary Lou said.

"I'm so proud of them. Jenny worked two jobs all along and they're graduating debt-free and they're A students. We couldn't have done it without each other," she said.

"They helped me — at first I was not very tech savvy with the power point — and I helped them, too, I think, with my experiences."

Her daughters are equally as proud of Mary Lou.

"She's been our role model and beacon of light," said Liana, her voice choking with tears. "The world is open to all of us now."

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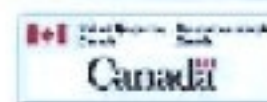
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Tank-top saga may go to court

HUMAN RIGHTS

Gym says that outfit was not as modest as woman claims



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The tank-top tiff could be headed for the courts.

Jenna Vecchio, the Ottawa woman whose gym told her that her breasts were too large for her tank top, says she is now exploring her legal options.

The trouble began last weekend when a female staff member at the Orleans Movati told Vecchio her outfit was making other gym-goers uncomfortable. She was told she could come back and finish her workout — as long as she wore a T-shirt.

Vecchio wrote about her experience on Facebook and posted a photo of what she was wear-

ing. That post quickly went viral.

The episode has since garnered worldwide attention, with media outlets such as Cosmopolitan and the New York Daily News in the United States to The Mirror and The Independent in the United Kingdom picking up her story.

Movati says it looked into the matter and stands by its actions. The gym also raised questions about Vecchio's outfit that day.

"While it may not have been intentional, Ms. Vecchio's attire was not as modest as she has suggested via the images she shared recently on Facebook and through media interviews, and caused multiple members to feel uncomfortable and voice their concerns to our staff," Movati said in a statement.

"Following Ms. Vecchio's own social media postings on this matter, we conducted a thorough investigation which included first-hand accounts from members and other staff, and a follow-up meeting with Jenna herself, who seemed to leave the facility feel-

ing as though she had expressed her position. Upon conclusion of our interviews, we stand by the original decision that confirms that Ms. Vecchio was dressed inconsistently with our code of conduct."

Vecchio now says she plans to meet with an Ottawa human rights lawyer in the next few days to explore her options.

She says she is further offended and humiliated by the gym's claim that her clothes were "not as modest" as she claims. She also disputes that she was wearing her tank top any differently than in her Facebook photo.



However they say that top looked on me to them, it's still their personal opinion and it's still body shaming.

Jenna Vecchio



Jenna Vecchio says she was wearing this same outfit to the gym last Saturday when Movati staff told her that her breasts were too large for the tank top. JOE LOFARO/METRO

FORT MCMURRAY

Wildfire crosses into Sask.

The Fort McMurray wildfire that's been described as a beast has now spread into Saskatchewan, but officials say there's no imminent threat to any community.

The massive fire, which has grown to 5,000 square kilometres, has burned nearly eight square kilometres into Saskatchewan.

Emergency management commissioner Duane McKay said it is still about 30 kilometres away from La Loche, the nearest Saskatchewan community.

"La Loche is situated against a lake, there's old burns to the north as well, so we don't see a direct fire threat to La Loche," McKay said Thursday.

But he said people should keep in mind that the wildfire has been "completely unpredictable."

"It was anticipated to be in Saskatchewan just over a week ago and it stalled out. It is now moving again, but weather forecasts are indicating that should slow," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

REFUGEES

One Syrian woman a week disclosing domestic abuse: Agency

The Syrian man showed up at the Arab Community Centre of Toronto after 10 days in jail.

He told refugee settlement workers he'd come home to find his wife and two children missing. He thought she'd just taken them to school and so waited until the end of the day.

But when they didn't return, he went to the police, where he was promptly arrested: his wife had accused him of abuse.

Centre staff say they don't know what's happened to her. Rumour has it she's fled to Vancouver.

But on average, at least one

Syrian woman a week is disclosing to them they are a victim of domestic violence.

"This is not something that is prevalent within this particular group, it is prevalent within all refugee and newcomer populations," Huda Bukhari, the centre's executive director, said

Wednesday. "But because this particular group has come in all at once, then we see a lot more."

Close to \$1 billion in federal funds has been set aside for the Syrian refugee program, although a breakdown of how it's being spent hasn't been released. Most is being put to-

wards settlement services, including providing for additional staff for the increased caseloads.

But helping families deal with and prevent abuse requires a specialized approach, Bukhari said Wednesday as she appealed to a House of Commons committee for funds targeted di-

rectly at the issue.

The need for more help has been a recurring theme at both the Commons and Senate committees now studying the effect of the Liberal government's resettlement of 25,000 Syrian refugees in a matter of three months. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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PM Justin Trudeau walks to the opposition side of the House of Commons as NDP MPs attempt to stall Conservative whip Gord Brown from taking his seat for a vote.



Trudeau grabs Brown's arm and tries to pull him through the crowd.



While pulling Brown, the PM elbowed NDP MP Ruth Brosseau, who was standing behind him. Brosseau is seen wincing and falling over a nearby desk.



The PM walks back to his side, as some applaud his intervention.



Appearing to be following Brosseau, Trudeau walks back to the opposition side, where he is met by an angry Thomas Mulcair.



Trudeau speaks to the MPs while Mulcair begins shouting and pointing at the prime minister.



NDP MP Nathan Cullen steps between Trudeau and Mulcair. The House is in an uproar.

PM contrite after Parliament scuffle

POLITICS

Motion 6 delayed after #elbowgate controversy

The morning after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau barged swearing into a knot of Opposition MPs, grabbing one and elbowing aside another to hurry up a vote, he made very public displays of personal contrition.

Trudeau appeared at an MPs prayer breakfast to read aloud a scripture of his choice, Romans 12, that counsels: don't think

you are better than you really are. Then the prime minister delivered an abject apology in the House of Commons.

The prime minister said he would willingly accept a committee's decision on his behaviour. But he was non-committal faced with Opposition fury and calls for him to withdraw a controversial and provocative motion that was the backdrop of the Wednesday night scuffle. Known as Motion 6, it would have given the Liberal government unilateral control over the parliamentary agenda as it scrambles to push through its bills.

Trudeau's longtime friend and House leader Dominic Le-

blanc withdrew the motion he'd insisted was necessary just the day before. Leblanc offered to cooperate with the Opposition to extend debate time so all MPs could speak to the assisted death bill, and said the government still wanted to try to meet the June 6 deadline imposed by the Supreme Court of Canada.

However, it was clear after the Commons wasted nearly four days in procedural wrangling, dust-ups, insults and apologies, that Parliament is unlikely to meet the deadline to legislate in response to the high court's *Carter v. Canada* decision that decriminalizes physician-assisted death for competent adults.

Government whip Andrew Leslie said late Thursday the Commons will not deal with the assisted dying bill until after next week's scheduled parliamentary break. As it stands, the government won the vote, after the scuffle, to allot only two more days of debate to the bill before it goes to the Senate.

Trudeau's behavior left Opposition members with a bitter taste. Conservatives and NDP MPs suggested Trudeau was "bullying" and had an anger-control problem. Conservative whip Gord Brown said he told the prime minister "he should NOT have gotten out of his seat."

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THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO #ELBOWGATE

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's latest MP-grabbing, MP-elbowing incident is the culmination of a series of heated exchanges in the House of Commons. Here is what led to #elbowgate on Wednesday night.



MAY 4: Opposition MPs accused the Liberals of stomping on their rights, after the government shortens debate on the assisted dying bill to meet a Supreme Court of Canada deadline on June 6. The opposition argued for more debate time.

MAY 5: Conservative MP Blake Richards accused Prime Minister Trudeau of sticking out his tongue in the House of Commons during question period. The alleged tongue thrust allegedly occurred following a fellow Conservative MP's question about infrastructure funding. So far, there's no footage of this ever happening.

MAY 18: Liberal House Leader Dominic LeBlanc tables "Motion 6," which would give the prime minister and cabinet power over parliamentary proceedings. Conservative House Leader Andrew Scheer called the move undemocratic.

MAY 19: It was decided that #elbowgate will be reviewed by an all-party committee. The Liberals also withdrew Motion 6.

APRIL 14: The Liberal government tabled the long-awaited Bill C-14, the assisted suicide legislation, in the House of Commons.

MAY 4: During a press conference, the prime minister accused opposition members of stalling electoral reform. But Trudeau apologized the next day, after Conservative MP Scott Reid said the story was "invented and patently false."

MAY 16: Opposition MPs surprised the Liberals with a vote on the government's Air Canada legislation. There were not enough Liberals in the house at the time of the vote (the NDP was expected to move motions on the bill, but then didn't), so the speaker had to break a tie. After it narrowly passed, some Liberals accused the opposition of pulling a "procedural stunt."

MAY 18: NDP MPs stood in the path of Official Opposition whip Gord Brown before a time allocation vote on the assisted dying bill. An annoyed Trudeau walked across the room, grabbed Brown and walked him to his seat so the vote could proceed. In doing so, he elbowed NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau, sending the House into an uproar. The prime minister crossed the floor, where he and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair engaged in a shouting match. MPs accused Trudeau of dropping an F-bomb. He later apologized three times.

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TRAFFICKING VULNERABLE MIGRANT GROUPS TARGETED Afghan refugee children play outside a tent in a refugee camp on May 18, 2016 in Malakasa, 40 km north of Athens, Greece. The European Union says traffickers are taking advantage of Europe's migrant crisis to target certain types of people, often for sexual exploitation, with children and Nigerian girls and women among the most vulnerable. An EU report into trafficking released Thursday said that crime gangs focus on children because they are easy to recruit and replace, with young migrants more exposed as they often travel long distances alone. GETTY IMAGES/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First girl to escape Boko Haram lauded

BRING BACK OUR GIRLS

Celebration in Nigeria renews push to save remaining 218

The first Chibok teenager to escape from Boko Haram's Sambisa Forest stronghold was flown to Abuja on Thursday and met with Nigeria's president, even as her freedom adds pressure on the government to do more to rescue 218 other missing girls.

The 19-year-old, who was 17 when she was kidnapped, was shielded from journalists when she arrived at the presidential villa, with her mother carrying her 4-month-old baby. The group was shown into President Muhammadu Buhari's office for a private meeting that lasted an hour.

Television cameras and photographers were allowed in briefly afterward to register images of the woman with Buhari, who made no comments to reporters

waiting outside.

"Of course she has to go through counselling and she has to return to school," Kaduna state Gov. Nasir el-Rufai told reporters at the presidential residence. "We are grateful to the almighty God that one of the Chibok girls is safe and sound, (though) traumatized."

The Bring Back Our Girls movement called a rally Thursday evening to celebrate. The movement, which inspired a

of making public appearances.

"It is an outrage!" Francisca Vigaud-Walsh, women and girls' advocate at Refugees International told The Associated Press. "This is the time for her to be given access to clinical management of rape services and sustained psychological assistance to assist her with her trauma from both being in captivity for two years and the dramatic change she is now undergoing," she said from the organization's Washington

"We are grateful to the almighty God that one of the Chibok girls is safe... though traumatized."

Gov. Nasir el-Rufai


worldwide social media campaign using the hashtag #BringBackOurGirls has met faithfully every week to demand the government act more aggressively to rescue the Chibok girls.

Joy and renewed hope have met the discovery Tuesday of the young woman. But aid workers said the young woman should be getting medical care instead

headquarters.

Aid workers say the young woman is a victim of sexual assault, which is why The Associated Press is not identifying her by name. Hostages who escaped have said Boko Haram forces victims to convert, marry and copulate "to create a new generation" of extremists.

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Terrorism suspected in crash

CAIRO, EGYPT

Plane vanished from radar at 2:45 a.m., officials say

An EgyptAir jetliner en route from Paris to Cairo with 66 people aboard swerved wildly in flight and crashed in the Mediterranean Sea early Thursday, authorities said.

The Canadian government says two Canadian citizens were among the passengers. Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion says officials are working closely with authorities to confirm whether there were any additional Canadians on board.

Egyptian and Russian officials said it may have been brought down by terrorists.

There were no signs of survivors.

EgyptAir Flight 804, an Airbus A320 with 56 passengers and 10 crew members, went down about halfway between the Greek island of Crete and Egypt's coastline, or around 175 miles offshore, after takeoff from Charles de Gaulle Airport, authorities said.

Greek Defence Minister Panos Kammenos said the plane spun all the way around and suddenly lost altitude just before vanishing from radar screens around 2:45 a.m. Cairo time (12:45 a.m. GMT).

He said it made a 90-degree left turn, then a full 360-degree turn to the right, plummeting from 38,000 to 15,000 feet. It disappeared at about 10,000 feet, he said. There were no reports of stormy weather at the time.



Relatives of passengers on an EgyptAir flight that crashed grieve as they leave the in-flight service building where they were held at Cairo International Airport, Egypt. Aviation officials say a search is underway for the plane's debris. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egyptian and Greek authorities in ships and planes searched the suspected crash area throughout the day for traces of the airliner or its victims, with more help on the way from the U.S., Britain and France.

But as night fell, they had yet to find any confirmed debris, at one point dismissing a reported sighting of life vests and other floating material.

Civil Aviation Minister Sherif Fathi cautioned that the disaster was still under investigation but said the possibility it was a terror attack "is higher than the possibility of having a technical failure."

There was no immediate claim from militants that they had downed the plane. If it was terrorism, it would be the second deadly attack involving Egypt's aviation industry in seven months.

Last October, a Russian passenger plane that took off from an Egyptian Red Sea resort crashed in the Sinai, killing all 224 people aboard. Russia said it was brought down by a bomb, and a local branch of Daesh claimed responsibility.

The plane's erratic course suggested a number of possible explanations, including a catastrophic mechanical or

structural failure, a bombing, or a struggle over the controls with a hijacker in the cockpit.

Egyptian security officials said they were running background checks on the passengers to see if any had links to extremists.

Whatever caused the crash, the disaster is likely to deepen Egypt's woes as the country struggles to revive its ailing economy, particularly its lucrative tourism industry. It has been battered by the political turmoil in which the country has been mired since the 2011 overthrow of President Hosni Mubarak. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLIGHT 804

Trump quick to react

Donald Trump was quick to brand the crash of an EgyptAir flight as "terrorism," while the airline urged the media to refrain from speculating about the cause of the crash.

"Looks like yet another terrorist attack," Trump tweeted early Thursday morning. "Airplane departed from Paris. When will we get tough, smart and vigilant? Great hate and sickness!"

At the time Trump's comments were tweeted out, there had not been any evidence presented that Flight 804 had been targeted by terrorists.

The flight was heading from Paris to Cairo with 66 passengers and vanished after entering Egyptian airspace.

The crash received blanket coverage in France, where terrorism is a sensitive topic.

French media reported that the country's president, Francois Hollande, held an emergency meeting on Thursday.

Fifteen of the passengers on Flight 804 were French citizens. Other victims included two Canadians, 30 Egyptians, two Iraqis, one Briton, one Kuwaiti, one Saudi, one Sudanese, one Chadian, one Portuguese and one Belgian.

"A crisis cell has been opened at our embassy in Cairo in Egypt," the French foreign minister tweeted on Thursday. "We have begun to mobilize our resources and have made ourselves available to the Egyptian authorities — with military aircraft and vessels — to help in the search for this plane."

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Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion says two Canadian citizens were among the passengers on EgyptAir flight MS804 that crashed while travelling from Paris to Cairo.

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Yellow fever 'great concern'

CENTRAL AFRICA

But WHO says it's not yet an international emergency

The World Health Organization says the ongoing outbreak of yellow fever in central Africa is "serious and of great concern" but does not warrant being declared a global emergency.

On Thursday, the UN health agency convened an expert committee to consider whether the epidemic of yellow fever, an acute hemorrhagic disease, qualifies as an international health emergency. That is defined by WHO as an "extraordinary" event with the potential to cross borders and requiring immediate action.

WHO previously declared crises including the 2014 Ebola outbreak and the Zika virus to be global emergencies.

After deliberating for several hours, the committee's chair, Oyewale Tomori, announced that although yellow fever does not meet the conditions for being an international health

emergency it requires "intensified control measures" including better surveillance and vaccination policies.

The current yellow fever outbreak, first identified in Angola last December, has sickened more than 2,000 people and killed nearly 300. The mosquito-spread disease has also been exported to Congo, Kenya and China.

There is no known treatment for yellow fever, but there is a vaccine, although global stocks are limited.

Until this year, the disease had never jumped to Asia.

People with yellow fever often experience fever, muscle pain, and nausea. About 15 per cent of patients suffer a more toxic phase in a day and get jaundice, abdominal pain and kidney problems. Nearly half of those patients die within two weeks.

Some experts called WHO's decision not to declare a global emergency a mistake.

"Why should we have to wait until the crisis is right upon us before we act?" asked Michael Osterholm, an infectious diseases expert at the University of Minnesota. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A health worker injects a boy with yellow fever vaccine in Ivory Coast in 2011. On Thursday, the UN health agency convened a committee to consider whether the epidemic of yellow fever qualifies as an international public health emergency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

CONFLICT

Syrians take rebel holdings

Syrian government forces and allied militias made a swift advance into Damascus's rebel-held suburbs on Thursday, threatening to disrupt a years-long stalemate in the war around the Syrian capital.

The development came as the UN envoy for the war-torn country vowed in Geneva that peace talks "are not going to be abandoned, frankly, ever."

The envoy, Staffan de Mistura, said he was waiting to see "gestures" following a Vienna meeting of world and regional powers earlier this week before setting a target date for the resumption of UN-mediated indirect talks between Syrian President Bashar Assad's representatives and opposition groups.

Fighting in Syria continued in earnest Thursday as air and missile strikes pounded rebel positions in Damascus's eastern Ghouta suburb, clearing the way for soldiers and Hezbollah militants to seize valuable farmland that nourished residents trapped in the blockaded area, according to two activist groups. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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INNOVATION

Product made of barley, wheat left over after brewing

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Saltwater Brewery, based in Delray Beach, Fl., commissioned the design of a biodegradable, compostable and edible six-pack ring made of barley and wheat left over from the brewing process.

The brewery claims it is the first-ever product of its kind.

Around the globe, 100 million sea birds and 100,000 sea mammals and marine turtles are trapped by six-pack rings each year, said marine biologist Mark Tokulka in a promotional video for the new product.



Saltwater Brewery in Florida claims its edible, biodegradable and compostable six-pack ring for its beer is the first-ever product of its kind. YOUTUBE.COM

Even cut-up plastic rings can hurt marine life, by being eaten and getting lodged in their stomachs. The Saltwater Brewery rings, however, can be digested safely, the brewery says.

The rings are as durable as the plastic variety.

But they are a little more

expensive.

"It's a big investment for a small brewery created by fishermen and surfers and people who love the sea," said Peter Agardy, head of branding for the company, in the video.

The brewery hopes that its competitors will adopt the

technology, which will drive the price of manufacturing down.

"We hope to influence the big guys," said company president Chris Goves in the video. "And kind of inspire them to get on board."

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TRANS MOUNTAIN PROJECT

Pipeline approved with 157 conditions

The National Energy Board says the contentious \$6.8-billion Trans Mountain pipeline expansion is in Canada's best interests, despite increased greenhouse gas emissions and threats to killer whales off British Columbia's coast.

The federal regulator issued its long-awaited report on Thursday after a two-year debate that cost

millions, galvanized aboriginal and environmental protests and prompted mass arrests. The board recommended Ot-

tawa approve Kinder Morgan Canada's proposal subject to 157 environmental, safety and financial conditions, including holding \$1.1 billion in liability coverage and detailing its plans to protect endangered species.

"Given that there are considerable benefits nationally, regionally and locally, the board found that the benefits of the project would outweigh the residual burdens," Robert Steedman, the board's chief environmental officer, said.

"Accordingly, the board concludes that the project is in the Canadian public interest."

Kinder Morgan wants to triple the capacity of its existing Trans Mountain pipeline, which carries diluted bitumen from oilsands near Edmonton to Burnaby, B.C. for export. The expansion would bring capacity to 890,000 barrels a day and

increase tanker traffic in Burrard Inlet seven-fold.

The positive recommendation has cleared a major hurdle for the project, with Prime Min-

ister Justin Trudeau's cabinet set to make a final decision by the end of the year.

Environmental groups said they weren't surprised by the decision.

"This is exactly what we expected from the National Energy Board, an industry-captured regulator that never met a pipeline it didn't like or environmental impact it couldn't ignore," Larissa Stendie of the Sierra Club said in a statement.

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The project is in the Canadian public interest.

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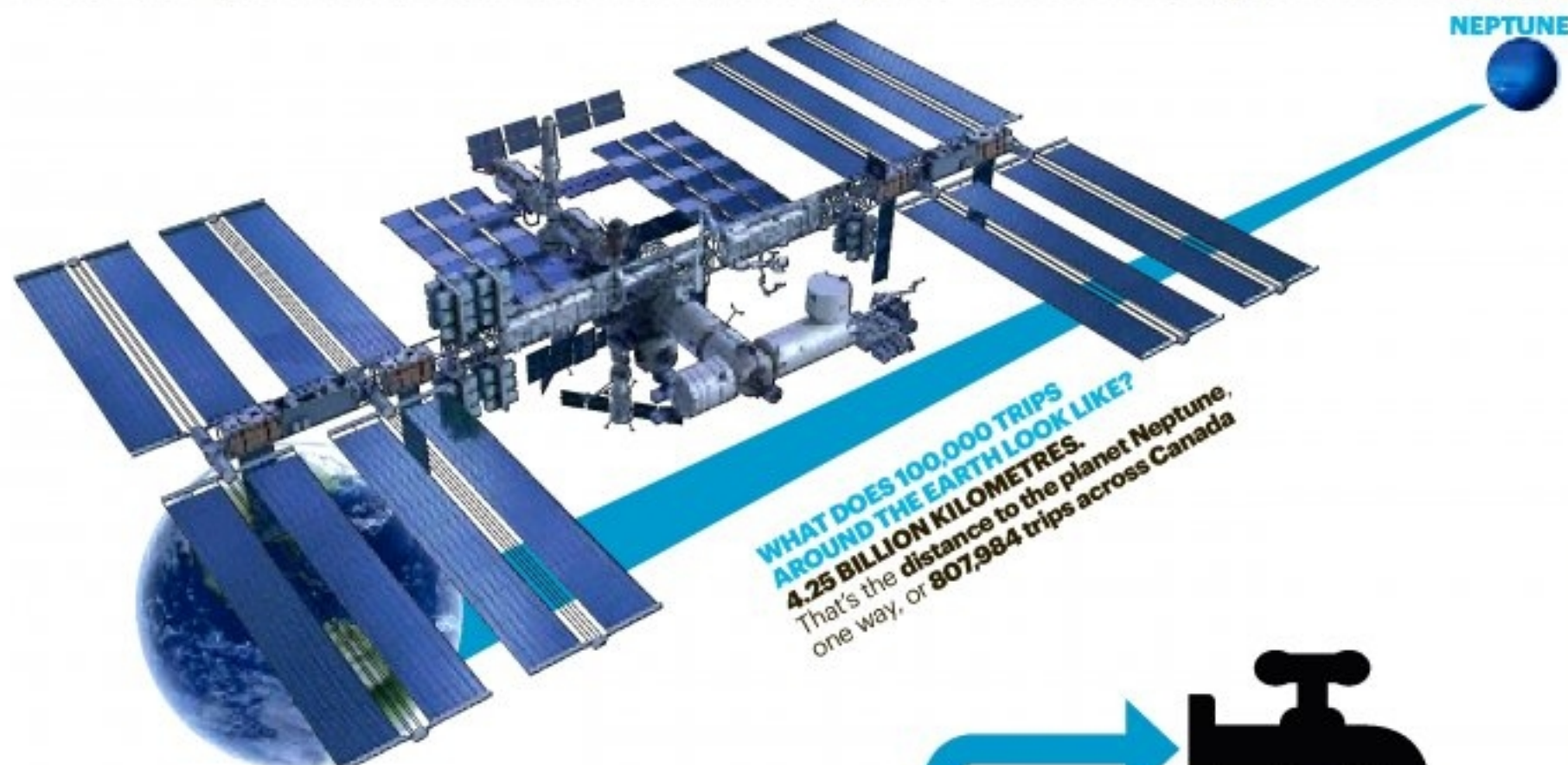
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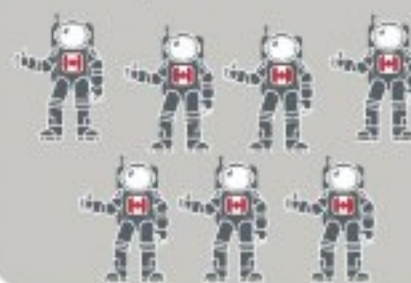
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Find out why they're so angry

ANGRY BIRDS

Those annoyed avians feel betrayed by their frenemies

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



Are you among the 200 million people that play Angry Birds on your smartphone? If so you're in good company.

Angelina Jolie, Jack Black and Jon Hamm are fans and British Prime Minister David Cameron has admitted to being "mildly addicted" to the game. Since December 2009, folks have been flinging flocks of birds at pig's fortresses, downloading more than 3 billion versions of the app.

This weekend the Angry Birds game takes the next logical step, catapulting onto the big screen with their very own movie.

Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad and Maya Rudolph star in *The Angry Birds Movie*, a story that tells us why the annoyed avians — like flock leader Red Bird, Bomb the Black Bird and Slingshot Stella the Cockatoo — are so angry.

Turns out they feel betrayed by the tittering piggies that pretend to be their friends but are really only interested in stealing their eggs. Cue the catapults and



Jason Sudeikis, who voices Red, is among the actors lending their vocal talents to *The Angry Birds Movie*. SONY PICTURES VIA AP

mountains of TNT.

It's a brand with a built-in audience, a combination Hollywood finds irresistible, and while it has colourful, easily marketed characters, the game itself doesn't offer much in the way of story. But that has never stopped producers before.

Remember *Super Mario Bros*? Siskel & Ebert gave that one two thumbs down and star Bob Hoskins, who played Mario, called it "the worst thing I ever did."

Despite brutal reviews and box office failure, Nintendo Power magazine praised the film, calling it a trailblazer in the genre of videogame movies.

Which leads us, 23 years after Mario and his brother Luigi stunk up movie theatres, to *The Angry Birds Movie*. Why is a game from a developer in Espoo, just outside Helsinki, Finland, popular enough to take flight as its own movie?

The success of *Angry Birds*

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Nice Guys ★★★★★
Angry Birds ★★★★★
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has to do with something called schema formation, a five-dollar term for mentally grasping and embedding how the game's interface works the first time you play it.

The addictive part comes in as the action of the game changes. In *Play at Work*, engineer Charles L. Mauro explains the appeal.

"These little birds are

packed with clever behaviours that expand the user's mental model at just the point when game-level complexity is increased."

The game's genius is in adding playing details at just the right moment to increase user engagement.

In other words, it's fun. I guess that's why gamers spend 200 million minutes a day flinging *Angry Birds* at various targets.

According to marketers AYTM, that's "equal to 16 years of gameplay every hour of every day." They also note that players have flung over 100 billion angry birds, a number equal to the amount of real birds on the planet. Those are the kind of statistics Hollywood can't ignore.

One person unlikely to pass the time with *Angry Birds* is U.S. communications surveillance whistleblower Edward Snowden. In 2014 he claimed the app was "leaky," and was vulnerable to the harvesting of information by outside groups.

Mikael Hed, CEO of Rovio Entertainment, the makers of *Angry Birds*, denied Snowden's claims.

"We do not collaborate, collude, or share data with spy agencies anywhere in the world," he said, which must have come as a relief to another of the game's biggest fans, former Vice President of the United States Dick Cheney, who, apparently, also enjoys hurling a bird or two in his spare time.



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He's a rare director. He has his own way of working with actors. He's extremely precise, probably because he's an actor himself.

Lea Seydoux

Some films are warmly received, others less so. I'm not particularly concerned — it is my best film.

Xavier Dolan



Wunderkind adored despite boos for film

CANNES

Surprisingly, Dolan, 27, didn't respond like a petulant child

Peter Howell
Torstar News Service

A sure sign of a mature artist is not how he or she reacts to praise, but rather to criticism.

Montreal filmmaker Xavier Dolan demonstrated this Thursday at the Cannes Film Festival, with his calm and measured reaction to the intense critical heat he's feeling here concerning his Palme d'Or contender *It's Only the End of the World*, his sixth feature and the fifth to premiere at Cannes.

Judging by the Twitter storm following Wednesday evening's press preview — which included denunciations of "pretentious," "untold agony" and "worst film at Cannes" for its in-your-face style — and by the serious reservations expressed even in admiring reviews of the film, you'd have thought Dolan had laid an egg of ostrich proportions on the Croisette.

You might also expect Dolan, 27, would respond like the petulant child he can sometimes seem, especially if he felt Cannes was turning against him. He's been lauded as a wunderkind and enfant terrible — both terms he hates — since he stormed the Director's Fortnight in Cannes in 2009 with *I Killed My Mother*, his auspicious debut he wrote, directed, edited and starred in. He's also competed for the Palme before, with the acclaimed *Mommy* in 2014, and sat on the Palme Jury last year.



It's Only the End of the World is about a gay writer named Louis (Gaspard Ulliel), who, having learned he's suffering from a terminal illness, decides to return to the rural French hometown he quit 12 years earlier. Montreal filmmaker **Xavier Dolan** reacted calmly to the film's criticism. HANDOUT

Wrong on both assumptions. *It's Only the End of the World* deserves more applause than boos and Dolan handled press queries with considerable aplomb. Even his attire seemed more serious, a dark checked sport jacket and black T-shirt instead of the bright green suit he sported for his 2014 Palme debut.

He didn't flinch when the lead-off question from a Radio-Canada reporter zeroed right in on negative reactions to the film.

"Well, we're in Cannes ... some films are warmly welcomed, other less so. I'm not particularly worried," Dolan said, smiling.

"Maybe it takes a bit of time for the film to establish itself."

Dolan called *It's Only the End of the World* "my best film," which is the kind of thing movie-makers tend to say when a project is in trouble. Yet listening him for close to an hour discuss his motivations, surrounded by his adoring cast of A-list French

actors — Marion Cotillard, Léa Seydoux, Vincent Cassel, Nathalie Baye and Gaspard Ulliel — there's no doubt he truly believed in the project.

He said the film's "suffocating atmosphere" — his words — was intended to be that way. He and cinematographer André Turpin, a regular collaborator, opted to move right in on the actors' faces to capture the high emotion of the accusations, insults and regrets hurled during a dysfunctional family gathering.

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MUSIC DOC

KISS rocks Vegas in new concert film



Gene Simmons says the concert movie medium wants bands to be bombastic and "that's our middle name." CONTRIBUTED

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



It's surprising that it's taken four decades for bombastic rock icons KISS to finally release a concert movie — especially when you consider the theatrical nature of the band.

"If your art is strumming an acoustic guitar, sitting cross-legged on a Persian carpet with some incense, it may not translate well on a 30-foot screen," reasoned blood-spitting bass player Gene Simmons while discussing KISS Rocks Vegas, which premieres May 25 in theatres. "(But) the medium wants you to be bombastic — that's our middle name."

Filmed over nine days in Sin City, moviegoers get an up-close view of KISS in a more intimate setting at the Hard Rock Hotel which, as it turned out, was one of the biggest challenges for the band — cutting back on their pyrotechnic craziness for the sake of a cozier confine.

"We couldn't fit all the stuff in," recalled Simmons of the film's 4,000-seat venue. "When we play outdoors, we have to contact the local airports to make sure small planes don't go overhead and get knocked out of the sky. And that's not even a joke!"

Aeronautic imperilments aside, Simmons is pumped to promote the one-day cinematic event — just as he is to promote all things related to KISS, be it the arena football team he co-

owns with singer Paul Stanley, the duo's American restaurant chain Rock & Brews or the expanding KISS Kruiise — an annual offshore voyage that sets sail from Miami this November.

"It's a gathering of tribes from all over the world," said Simmons of the latest KISS-themed endorsement. "You'll see people proudly holding up the Maple Leaf or the Rising Sun from Japan; everybody holds up their colours but everybody speaks the same language."

This year, the Kruiise may bring Simmons some solace as well. Recently, the 66-year-old has come under fire on social media for comments he reportedly made about Prince's passing in April as "pathetic."

"I never said that about Prince," stated Simmons — although he has owned up to it to other publications since. In this interview, he insists his remarks were taken out of context by a journalist and compounded through social media.

"(Social media) means nothing to me," said Simmons.

"I will grant you, it's a good promotional tool but the garbage and hatred that people spew — I've never seen anything like it."

Still, not shockingly, Simmons stands by the position that the uproar remains to have little effect on his outspoken conduct.

Crowe and Gosling nothing but Nice Guys in new movie

FILM FESTIVAL

Stars have an unlikely chemistry in Cannes comedy

The world got its first look at a hot new comedy duo last weekend in the unlikely teaming of actors Ryan Gosling and Russell Crowe at the Cannes Film Festival.

London, Ont.-born Gosling, 35, and New Zealander Crowe, 52, are both best known as dramatic actors, having come to Cannes previously in such serious films as Drive (Gosling) and L.A. Confiden-



In *The Nice Guys* Russell Crowe is a debt collector 'with aspirations' and Ryan Gosling is a stumbling private detective. CONTRIBUTED

tial (Crowe).

But they had an international press audience howling twice Sunday, first at the world premiere screening of their buddy comedy *The Nice Guys* and again later at the press conference. (The film opens soon worldwide, with a May 20 release set for

North American theatres.)

Gosling's March Holland and Crowe's Jackson Healy are reluctant partners in the hunt for a missing girl in the movie, which is set in the disco-mad, dangerous and decaying Los Angeles of 1977 — the opening frames show the Hollywood sign falling apart.

Holland is a stumbling private detective and Healy is "a debt collector with aspirations," as Crowe described his role.

Whatever you call them, the two are great as a comedy duo, bantering, bickering and crashing through windows as if they've been schticking for years, although it's their first movie together.

Before the questions began, Crowe pretended to be a paparazzi photographer, snapping photos of Gosling and Angourie Rice, who pretended to be angry at Crowe's invasion of their privacy. Gosling and Crowe riffed about how they didn't really make *The Nice Guys* together. They said new digital cameras have a "chemistry" feature that writer/director Shane Black just clicked to make the magic happen.

"We have absolutely no connection whatsoever," Crowe said mischievously.

"Russell did all of his work

from New Zealand!" Gosling interrupted.

"I was literally just on the phone!" Crowe agreed.

But seriously, folks, the two really do click together on screen. Black quoted something Crowe told him during the filming.

"Russell gave the best explanation I've ever heard when he says, 'Chemistry? It's really quite simple. We just learned to listen to each other.'"

Black certainly knows chemistry, having written the first Lethal Weapon film that brought Mel Gibson and Danny Glover together, and having written and directed Kiss Kiss Bang Bang, which memorably teamed Robert Downey Jr. and Val Kilmer.

Black is also willing to trust his actors to ad lib, if they choose to — and Gosling and Crowe took full advantage of that freedom. Said Crowe: "The great thing about Shane as a director is that although he took many years to write the script, he's not precious about it. . .

"He has the ability — and not everybody does — to just trust in the fact that we understand the spirit of what he intended. . . Shane is willing and enthusiastic about letting us explore things a little bit."

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Alanis Morissette claims in a lawsuit that her business manager was "draining her assets and leading her on a road that could have led to financial ruin." GETTY IMAGES

Morissette sues manager over alleged \$4.7M theft

LAW SUIT

Investigation revealed man sustained 'lavish' lifestyle

Rocker Alanis Morissette has sued her former business manager for allegedly stealing \$4.7 million from her savings.

The Canadian-born, Los Angeles-based singer, a giant in the alternative rock boom of the 1990s, said her former manager cost her \$15 million overall both through theft and other malfeasance.

Morissette said that Jonathan Schwartz made at least 116 cash transfers worth a total of \$4,767,900 without her knowledge from 2010 to 2014.

Schwartz convinced Morissette that her savings were in "fantastic" shape while in fact the transfers were "draining her assets and leading her on a road that could have led to financial ruin," she said in the

lawsuit filed in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

Morissette said that she in fact wanted to live solely on her current income and interest and had instructed Schwartz not to touch her investments.

The singer said she turned down a "lucrative" offer to perform five shows in Las Vegas after Schwartz convinced her that she did not need the money.

Morissette said she fired Schwartz in March this year after growing suspicious when he could not provide timely information on her finances.

When a new manager discovered the alleged theft, the lawsuit said that Schwartz came up with fictitious explanations including saying that the singer was investing in the marijuana business.

Morissette also named in the suit GSO Business Management, where Schwartz was a partner, saying the prominent Los Angeles-area firm bore responsibility.

GSO Business Management filed a separate lawsuit against Schwartz, who could not be reached for comment.

The firm said it suspended Schwartz after the allegations came to light and was seeking an undetermined amount in damages as well as his formal dismissal.

The company said its own investigation revealed that Schwartz sustained a "lavish lifestyle" that included a \$50,000 vacation to the Pacific island of Bora Bora, a \$75,000 debt from a casino in The Bahamas and "substantial" unpaid taxes.

Morissette was the voice behind a string of energetic rock anthems in the mid-1990s including You Oughta Know, Hand in My Pocket and You Learn.

Her 1995 album Jagged Little Pill won the Grammy for Album of the Year, making the then 21-year-old Morissette the youngest winner of the prestigious award until Taylor Swift.

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The firm GSO Business Management was also named in Morissette's lawsuit. "It is inconceivable that a sophisticated certified public accounting and business management firm — which counts some of the world's wealthiest celebrities amongst its clientele — would permit a partner to withdraw millions of dollars in cash from a client's account without a 'red light' going off somewhere," the lawsuit said.

Morissette's lawsuit comes a decade after a court found that a former manager had stolen some \$5 million from Leonard Cohen, another prominent Canadian artist who settled in Los Angeles.

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Legendary CBS journalist dies at 84

IN MEMORIAM

Toronto-born Morley Safer famed for role on 60 Minutes

Morley Safer, the veteran 60 Minutes correspondent who was equally at home reporting on social injustices, the Orient Express and abstract art, and who exposed a military atrocity in Vietnam that played an early role in changing Americans' view of the war, died Thursday, according to Kevin Tedesco, a CBS News publicist.

Safer, who had been in declining health, died at his home in Manhattan. He announced his retirement last week and 60 Minutes aired a tribute hour on Sunday, which he watched from his home, Tedesco said.

That program marked the close of a 61-year career for Safer, who, the network said, had the longest-ever run on prime-time network television.

Safer, who once claimed "there is no such thing as the common man; if there were, there would be no need for journalists," was 84.

"This is a very sad day for all of us at 60 Minutes and CBS

News. Morley was a fixture, one of our pillars, and an inspiration in many ways. He was a master storyteller, a gentleman and a wonderful friend. We will miss him very much," said Jeff Fager, the executive producer of 60 Minutes.

Safer did 919 stories in his 46 years on 60 Minutes, from his first in 1970 about U.S. Sky Marshals to his last this March, a profile of Danish architect Bjarke Ingels.

On Sunday, Safer posted what would be his final tweet: "It's been a wonderful run, and I want to thank the millions of people who have been loyal to our 60 Minutes broadcast. Thank you!"

"Morley was one of the most important journalists in any medium, ever," said CBS Chairman and CEO, Leslie Moonves. "He broke ground in war reporting and made a name that will forever be synonymous with 60 Minutes."

In 1970, Safer joined 60 Minutes, then just two years old and not yet the national institution it would become. He claimed the co-host chair alongside Mike Wallace.

During the next four decades, his rich tobacco-and-whiskey-cured voice delivered stories that ranged from art, music and popular culture, to "gotcha" in-

vestigations, to one of his favourite pieces, which, in 1983, resulted in the release from prison of Lenell Geter, an engineer wrongly convicted of a \$50 holdup at a fast food restaurant who had been sentenced to a life term.

A memorable 1984 profile of Jackie Gleason took place in a bar around a pool table, where "the Great One" showed Safer and his viewers how it's done.

A 1991 story close to Safer's

heart reported a not-yet-popular view among some medical experts that regular consumption of red wine can be good for one's health.

And in 2011, he scored a coup: a sit-down with Ruth Madoff, offering her first public description of the day she learned from her husband, Bernard, that he was running the biggest Ponzi scheme in history.

Safer won a Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for his 2001

story on a school in Arizona specifically geared to serve children who are homeless.

Other honours include three George Foster Peabody awards, 12 Emmys and two George Polk Memorial Awards.

Safer, who was born in Toronto in 1931, insisted he was "stateless" and, as a reporter chasing stories around the globe, claimed, "I have no vested interests." He eventually became an American citizen, holding dual

citizenship.

By 2006 Safer had reduced his output. But he remained with the show after the departures of Wallace — who retired in 2006 at age 88, and died in 2012 — as well as legendary 60 Minutes creator-producer, Don Hewitt — who stepped down in 2004 at 81, and died in 2009.

Safer is survived by his wife, the former Jane Fearer, and his daughter Sarah Safer.

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This 1965 image released by CBS shows newsman Morley Safer soaking his feet while on assignment in South Vietnam.

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Make sure to stop at the TCL Chinese Theater at 6925 Hollywood Blvd. The courtyard in front of the entrance is set with concrete blocks, which bear the hand and foot imprints and sig-

natures of a select number of Hollywood A-listers.

Bike along the beaches. Rent a bike from the Santa Monica Bike Center for less than \$30 a day if you present them with the discount promotion on Yelp. There are 70 kilometres of beaches to explore, starting from the Santa Monica Pier and heading south. Gawlk at the hard bodies working out at Muscle Beach, watch surfers and skateboarders do their thing against the backdrop of the Californian coast and drink in the alterna-

tive vibe of Venice Beach.

Perched on a hill overlooking the city, the Getty Center is not only an incredible art museum, but an architectural marvel and garden oasis.

Built from the fortune of oil magnate and art connoisseur J. Paul Getty, the Center is worth a half-day visit. The one-hour highlights collection tour was the best art tour I have ever been on. The docent was knowledgeable and passionate, bringing to life the stories behind works of art from Ru-

bens, Rembrandt, Manet and Van Gogh's *Irises*. Admission to the Getty is free.

Entrance to the Griffith Observatory is also free. A well-known Hollywood landmark since its movie debut in James Dean's *Rebel Without a Cause*, the observatory is worth a peek inside but the real draw is hiking the hills of surrounding Griffith Park. Bring water and snacks as you drink in superb views of the city and search out the perfect spot for a selfie with the iconic Hollywood sign.

Los Angeles is a sprawling city with limited public transportation and expensive taxis that are sometimes difficult to come by.

If you haven't downloaded Uber on your phone do it before you descend on the City of Angels.

The drivers are prompt and courteous and the fares are extremely reasonable. Every driver I had was eager to chat and provide tips on what to do, including some of the aforementioned free attractions.



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YOSEMITE

Who needs a gym when you have a national park to play in?

Kathy Buckworth
For Metro Canada



When I looked at my itinerary for California it made me a little anxious. While we would be visiting Yosemite National Park and enjoying all it had to offer, we were staying in a series of remote cabins. Cabins that didn't include a fitness centre, and outdoor terrain that didn't include a running track. How on earth was I going to get my gym fitness fix in a setting like this? I needn't have worried. I got active, in the most natural way.

Hiking: Climbing to an elevation of 8,200 feet, and gazing out over Sentinel Dome onto Yosemite Falls, makes it more than worthwhile for the five miles of hiking a trail that alternates between muddy branch-filled trails, and spring snow. Over four million visitors to Yosemite National Park can't be wrong. The toughest stair climber I've been on.

Biking: Spin class has nothing on taking a bike through Yosemite down 12 miles of paved trails. There are hills to cycle, waterfalls to ride by, and heart-stopping glimpses of climbers on the sheer rock face of El Capitan.

Fly Fishing: Fly fishing appears



A hiking trip in Yosemite will take you along tree-filled paths.

KATHY BUCKWORTH

to be a Zen and relaxing experience. This might be true if you are an experienced fisherman. But for me, hauling on hip waders and stepping into the Stanislaus River with its strong current, I found some new muscles.

The ones that stopped my boots from slipping on the river rocks, triceps and forearm as I repeatedly flicked the line into the water, and the quick dodging while trying to avoid shooting my (actual) fly and its associated hook into my face. I'm just as stressed out at yoga, myself.

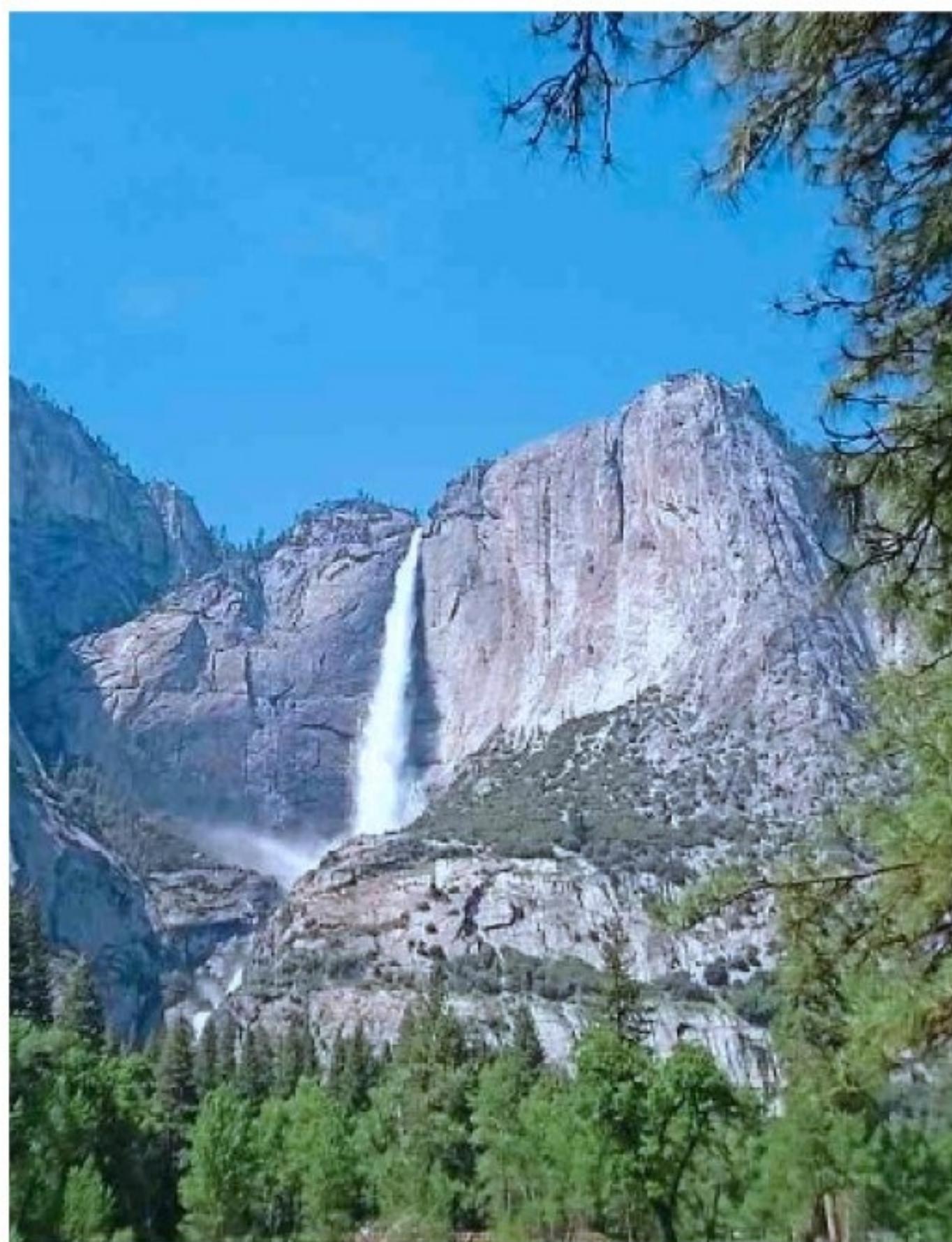
Hill Running: At a 4,000-foot elevation, my breath was not only taken away by the gorgeous

scenery at Evergreen Lodge but going for a hill run down and around the paths had me gasping for air long before I'd have felt it on the treadmill in my climate-controlled gym.

Kayaking: A real-life rowing machine. We paddled out from Pier 40 and kayaked under the Bay Bridge, and then back around AT&T Park in San Francisco Bay. Arm workout? My muscles say yes.

It was with some relief that I finished off at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco, where I welcomed the relative ease of a 5k treadmill run. Fit it all in.

Kathy visited Tuolumne County, Mariposa County and San Francisco.



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VACATION

How to keep the family occupied all summer long

Renting a house or cottage for a week or so with extended family or friends is an economical way to vacation while offering quality time with loved ones.

It's easy to fill your days with swimming, hikes, shopping and trips to local attractions, but there are also ways to have fun at home with themed game nights, dinners and parties.

Kristin Zerkle, 45, of Columbus, Ohio, said her family tries to involve all ages. Her parents have been vacationing with their six children in Hilton Head, South Carolina, for

about 35 years. The group now includes 25 extended family members sharing one house.

Faced with dining out with a dozen or so small children, at-home theme nights became a more appealing alternative. Her family has had a luau, pirate night, Mexican fiesta and an Ohio State tailgate, where everyone would wear their Buckeye gear.

"Time has gone on and the challenges of having all those people together on a vacation change," Zerkle said, adding that themes had to evolve to appeal to kids as they grew up. The family's younger generation now ranges in age from 7 to 26, while her parents are in their 70s. "As the kids have gotten older we have tried to make it a little more adult. We've really stepped up our game," she said.

Her family last year marked



The kids want to know way ahead of time what the theme is going to be. It's turned into something we talk about months in advance and the kids love planning it.

Kristin Zerkle

her sister and brother-in-law's 25th anniversary with a wedding reception. They decorated with wedding bells and put inflatable swans and lanterns in the pool.

Her brother put together a playlist for the "White Wedding" theme night that included songs played at the couple's wedding reception in 1990. Zerkle brought a veil and T-shirts that looked like a wedding gown and tuxedo for the couple to wear. There was a toast and a first dance.

An earlier neon-themed dance party included decor-

ating T-shirts, glow necklaces and black lights. Zerkle said involving everyone possible in the prep, planning and execution makes the theme nights a success.

"The kids want to know way ahead of time what the theme is going to be. It's turned into something we talk about months in advance and the kids love planning it," she said.

Laura Crisp, 52, of Canal Winchester, Ohio, said her family began having a theme party as a way to celebrate her now 10-year-old nephew's birthday, which falls during

their beach house vacations every other year in Holden Beach, North Carolina.

Their five families with 19 people share a house. Her nephew chooses the theme and they decorate the house to match. They've had pirates, superheroes and Hawaiian themes.

"It's just a good opportunity to decorate a house for a week with papery, fun, silly things," she said.

The adults plan games according to the theme and ages of the children, including scavenger hunts divided by age. The experience has helped them grow closer, she said.

"I just don't think you would do that silly stuff in your own house. Somehow, when you are on vacation it gives you more permission to loosen up and have that kind of fun," she said.

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THEME NIGHTS

Here are a few ideas to make sure that everyone keeps having a blast of a time:

• **Beach Olympics:** A flip-flop toss, water balloon toss and using a seashell to fill cups with water. Winners get plastic medals.

• **Neon night:** Decorate T-shirts with neon paint and bring glow necklaces and bracelets. A black light adds to the dance party good vibes.

• **Pirate "pub" crawl:** Hand out bandanas with a Jolly Roger pattern and souvenir cups. Turn each room of the house into a different "pub" serving kids' beverages.

• **"Parched Games":** A take on the Hunger Games series, a water balloon and squirt gun battle with the goal of capturing a hidden pirate flag without getting wet.

• **Luau:** Pack a floral shirt, wear plastic flower garlands and play ukulele music for a Hawaiian vibe at the cottage.

• **Tailgate party:** Dress in your favourite team's colours and serve tailgate food like nachos and chicken wings.

• **Iron Chef:** Form teams and provide simple—and perhaps surprising—ingredients for a cook-off. The best dish takes first place.

• **Wii bowling tournament:** Bring your Wii, give out T-shirts in team colours and serve bowling alley food. Bowling shoes are optional.

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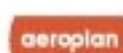
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Hurricanes expect tougher Mill Rats

NBL CANADA PLAYOFFS

Halifax take series on road to Saint John



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

The Halifax Hurricanes may have won a couple of battles against rivals the Saint John Mill Rats, but they've yet to win the war.

The Hurricanes hit the road this weekend for the third and fourth games of their seven-game series against the Mill Rats, in the fight for Atlantic Division bragging rights. The winner advances to the National Basketball League of Canada championship series, against whichever team snags the Central Division title.

"This battle just started," Hurricanes head coach Hugo Lopez said Thursday evening.

"We've just played two games of the best-of-seven," he said, "so we know it's a good start, (that) we protected our home, but there's still a long way to go."

The Canes defeated the Rats twice handily last weekend, 130-86 on Saturday night and 117-89 on Sunday evening, on home court the Scotiabank Centre in downtown Halifax.

The lopsided scores surprised Halifax basketball followers and delighted local fans, as the Saint John squad had been the toughest competition for the Hurricanes throughout the NBL Canada year.

The Canes finished first overall in the league with a 29-11 record, while the Rats finished second in the division with a 25-15 record. Saint John had won six of 11 matchups against Halifax during the 2015-16 regular season.

"We cannot play with a lot of confidence," Lopez said of this weekend's action.

The Halifax bench boss, who is in his first year with the Hurricanes after more than a decade and a half of professional coaching experience including six seasons in Liga ACB or Liga Endesa, said his team has been practising intensely all week.

They'll tip off against the Mill Rats at Harbour Station in Saint John at 7 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday nights.

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hard," the Spaniard said, adding that includes taking care of their own glass, playing solid one-on-one, taking tight jump shots and most importantly, staying strong on defence.

"We've been successful when we play good defence," Lopez said.

The Hurricanes are well aware that the Mill Rats will be looking for revenge on their own home court, but their lineup is healthy and its players prepared for the battles that remain on the Atlantic Division court this post-season.

"We're ready to go," Lopez said.



Olu Famutimi, left, and Chris Smith of the Saint John Mill Rats defend against charging Hurricanes forward Bradon Bowdry earlier this year at the Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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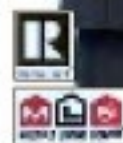
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Penguins all about pressure

Few NHL teams have the quickness, speed, skill and depth to overwhelm the Tampa Bay Lightning, which the Pittsburgh Penguins have done through three games of the Eastern Conference finals.

Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and a talented supporting cast that includes the sizzling line of Phil Kessel, Carl Hagelin and Nick Bonino have outplayed the speedy Lightning for significant stretches of each game to gain a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven matchup.

"When you're playing such good teams at this point, you know you can't afford to look past the game in front of you," said Crosby, who's scored the past two games after going eight straight without a goal.

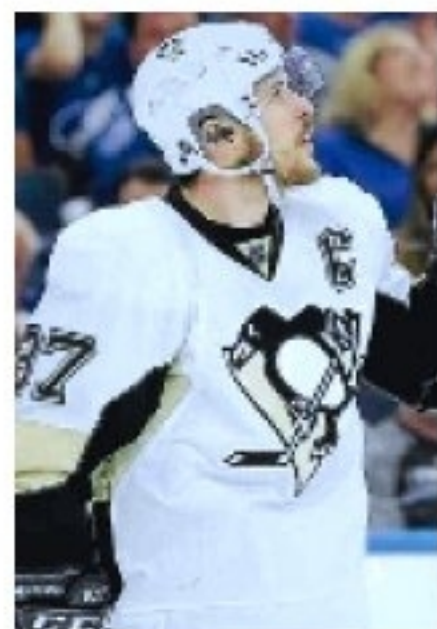
Malkin assisted on Crosby's power-play goal that proved to be the winner in Game 3 on Wednesday night, Malkin's first point since Game 2 of Pittsburgh's second-round victory over Washington. While the Penguins' biggest stars were trying to get back on track, Kessel, Hagelin and Bonino heated up at precisely the right time.

"You don't win consistently without (depth). That line's been great all playoffs long," Crosby said. "You look at the way Phil's playing ... he creates so much. Haggy's got a ton of speed. And Bones is a really smart player. He works really well with those two guys. They've given us a lot of momentum."

Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper acknowledged the line has been tough matchup.

"You look at their team, Phil Kessel probably doesn't get near the respect he deserves. I mean, he's scored a ton of goals in this league. Bonino's kind of one of those underrated players. They get overshadowed by the big name guys," Cooper said.

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Crosby's Penguins are on top form. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brothers, at arm's length

RAPTOR'S ROUND 3 STORYLINES

Canadian duo Thompson and Joseph cut ties as they tussle

Cory Joseph and Tristan Thompson formed a close friendship over a decade of playing together. But friendships don't exist on the Eastern Conference final court.

The two Canadians have put all communication on hold until the Toronto Raptors' conference final against Cleveland is finished.

"Right now he's the enemy," Thompson said earlier this week. "Ain't going to be too much brotherly love. We know we have to go at it."

Round 1 went to Thompson's Cavs, who clobbered Toronto 115-84 on Tuesday. Game 2 was Thursday night at Quicken Loans Arena.

Joseph and Thompson grew up playing together on the same AAU team, then attended Findlay Prep together in Nevada, and then moved on to the University of Texas. The longtime friends talk regularly, about their games, about their families. They last spoke right before the Raptors beat Miami in Game 7.

Then all communication "went to garbage," Joseph said.

"I don't think I will be texting Cory for about a week or so. Still love him though," Thompson said.

Joseph's response: Tristan who? "No communication at all. I don't even know who Tristan is at this point," said the Raptors backup point guard.

Both agree these are heady days for Canadian basketball. The Raptors are one of just four NBA teams still playing, reaching the conference final for the first time in franchise history. And Joseph, from Pickering, Ont., and Thompson, from Brampton, Ont., play key roles on their respective teams.

"For Canada it's huge," Thompson said. "Basketball has definitely grown a lot, so for the Raptors to be able to make it to the Eastern Conference finals it popularizes the game more, people are starting to pay attention and want to watch."

"It's great for Toronto and the country as a whole."

Joseph and Thompson are part of Canada's basketball youth movement that grew up on a steady diet of high-flying Vince Carter highlights.

"Now it's going to be DeMar DeRozan, Kyle Lowry, Tristan Thompson, Andrew Wiggins," said Raptors coach Dwane Casey. "I'm happy to be a part of seeing the growth of basketball in Canada."

Cory Joseph and Tristan Thompson at Texas. GETTY IMAGES



Canadian Tristan Thompson climbs above the Raps' Bismack Biyombo in a dominant Game 1 victory for the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

the growth of basketball in Canada.

"No disrespect to hockey, but it's always been hockey for young kids growing up, and now you see guys on the playground playing hoops, and being a purist, that's been great to see. So a kid like Tristan being successful, a kid like Wiggins being successful, our guy Cory Joseph being successful, it's unbelievable for the growth and the continuation of the growth of basketball in Canada."

The Raptors signed Joseph to a four-year, \$30 million US contract last summer. Joseph

— who'd pretend he was Carter while battling his brother Devoe on their driveway as kids — embraced the chance to play for his hometown team. He changed his jersey to No. 6 in honour of the Drake-coined nickname for Toronto.

The Toronto rapper has a line about Joseph in his diss track "Charged Up."

"We gon' make sure you get your bread, and you know the ropes," Drake raps, "I get a ring and I bring it home like I'm Cory Joe."

When Joseph won an NBA title with the Spurs in 2014, he took the Larry O'Brien Trophy

up the CN Tower.

Earlier in these playoffs, Joseph was asked what the response would be if he could go back and tell a 12-year-old version of himself that he would be playing in the post-season with Toronto.

"I probably would have just looked at him and laughed," Joseph said. "Obviously I had dreams of playing in the NBA, but to play for this Raptors team is very special."

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Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Game 2.

GOLF

Mickelson fined over insider trades

Phil Mickelson has agreed to forfeit nearly \$1 million that the Securities and Exchange Commission said was unfairly earned on a tip from an insider trading scheme conducted by a former corporate director and a professional gambler.

Federal prosecutors announced criminal charges Thursday against a gambler named William Walters and a former director of Dean Foods, Thomas Davis, alleging that the pair used inside information

about the company to make millions of dollars in illicit stock trades between 2008 and 2012.

In 2012, the SEC says, Walters called Mickelson, who owed him money, and urged him to trade Dean Foods stock. Mickelson did so the next day and made a profit of \$931,000.

"Simply put, Mickelson made money that wasn't his to make," Andrew Ceresney, head of the SEC's Enforcement Division, said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Muirfield sanctioned over no-women members vote

Muirfield will no longer be used as a host venue of the British Open after the Scottish club voted against admitting women as members. The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers announced its decision to retain the club's male-only policy Thursday. The Royal and Ancient, which run the British Open, said Muirfield would no longer be considered as host.

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WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Canada beats Swedes to get back on track

Canada kept its title defence alive at the world hockey championship with a 6-0 quarter-final win over Sweden.

Mark Scheifele and Mark Stone each had a goal and two assists as the Canadians rebounded from a 4-0 shutout loss in their round-robin finale against Finland on Tuesday.

The Canadians, who finished second in Group B with a 6-1 record, got back to their winning ways against the Swedes, who had finished third in Group A.

Canada will face the United States in Saturday's semifinals.

Matt Dumba, Brad Marchand, Max Domi and Derick Brassard also scored for Canada, while Cam Talbot made 24 saves for his tournament-leading third shutout.

In earlier action on Thursday, Finland dispatched Denmark by a score of 5-1. In the late game in Moscow, Russia got two goals from Vadim Shipachyov in a 4-1 victory over Germany. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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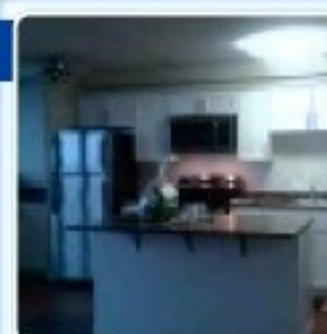
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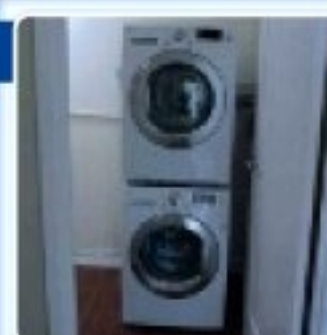
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Ingredients

- 1 lb peeled, deveined shrimp
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 8 tortillas
- 3 Tbsp lime juice
- 1/4 head of red cabbage
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- 4 Tbsp sour cream
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- A good pinch of salt
- Sliced radishes, avocado

Directions

1. Peel and devein shrimp and

rinse under cold water. In a shallow bowl, mix oil, garlic, cumin, chili, salt and shrimp. Refrigerate for 15 minutes. Preheat oven 200 degrees. Wrap tortillas in damp paper towel, place in oven.

2. Slice the cabbage and pull into strands. Toss in a bowl with 3 Tbsp lime juice, olive oil and salt to taste. Set aside. In a bowl, mix sour cream, 2 Tbsp lime juice and a pinch of salt to make a crema. Set aside.

3. Heat a skillet to high, add a little olive oil. Add half of the shrimp. Cook until you can see pink come up around the edge. Flip them over and cook until shrimp are pink and opaque. Repeat with second batch.

4. Place shrimp, crema, tortillas, cilantro, salsa, radishes and avocado on the table and let people build their own tacos.

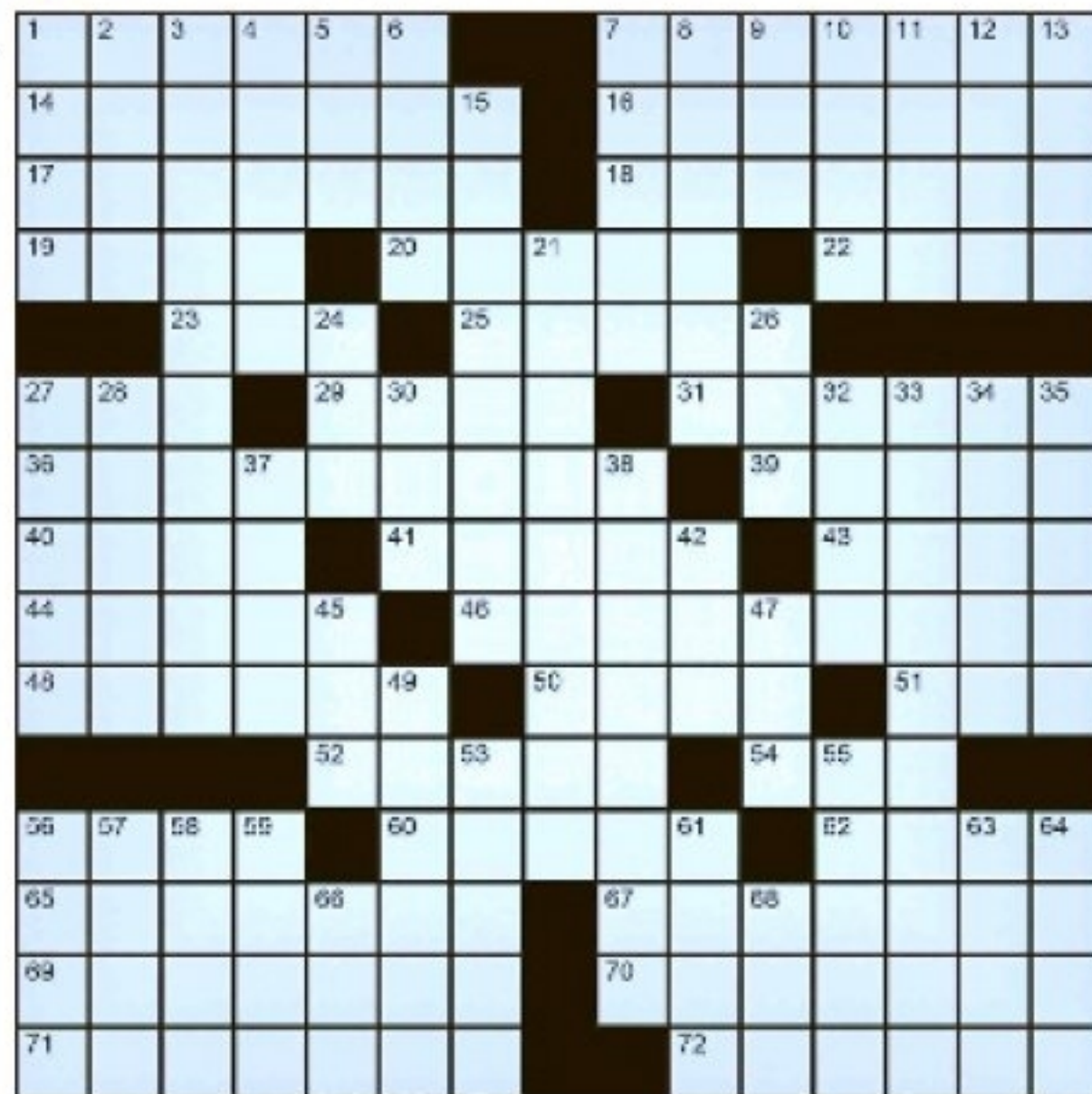
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7. Newfoundland's nickname: 2 wds.
14. Cleansing
16. Danish cheese
17. 1898... "O Sole Mio": Composer, _ di Capua - Lyrics, Giovanni Capurro
18. Get tangled
19. 'Great' suffix
20. 'Murdered' mythologically
22. As well
23. Mil. rank
25. British band, when doubled
27. Blackboards bldg.
29. Bankruptcy reason
31. Nigel Lythgoe's show, commonly
36. Ontario town between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury
39. Documentarian Michael
40. Singer Ms. Coolidge
41. Pompous
43. Penitent person
44. Prefix to 'violet'
46. Tragically Hip's "Courage (for Hugh _)"
48. Fredericton-born soprano Ms. Brueggemann
50. D'Urbervilles heroine
51. Baseball execs
52. Parsley bit
54. Identify
56. Slams
60. Happen again
62. Mozart opera,



_ Fan Tutte

65. Quickly dons an outfit: 2 wds.
67. Shows age, as old newspaper clippings
69. Prince _ (comic strip)
70. Marriage counselling attendees

71. Procedure

72. Swimsuits brand

DOWN

1. Undecided
2. Hosiery shade
3. Tomato-topped toasted appetizer
4. Audibly amazed
5. Knight's title

6. Finishes

7. Particular pronoun

8. Surnamesakes of "The Flintstones" co-creator

9. Pearl Jam frontman

...his initials-sharers

10. _ campaign

(Sought polit-

ical office)

11. _ Roberts University, in Oklahoma

12. Middles, mini-ly

13. Li'l metric weight

15. Star of "The Fly", Jeff _

21. 1992 R.E.M. album: ' _ for the People'

24. 'Green Chair'

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- Canadian banks, commonly
26. 'Pseudo' suffix
27. Play guitar in a way
28. South American country
30. Take in the takeout
32. Natalie Imbruglia hit
33. What the Canadian actor at #38-Down's last name means: 2 wds.
34. Coffee go-with
35. Actress Laura's
37. Viral outbreak in 2002/2003 headlines
38. New action comedy starring Ryan Gosling, "The _" (2016)
42. 2015-retired late night host ...his initials-sharers
45. Understanding utterances
47. Orest's opposite
49. Cooks splash protectors
53. Pays a landlord
55. "I haven't _" (Duh)
56. Invitation letters
57. Wing-like
58. Alberta village southeast of Calgary
59. _ and Span (Household cleanser)
61. Sales jobs, commonly
63. Stockholm, _
64. "This _ sudden!"
66. Encl. to an editor
68. Prune

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your daily pace will accelerate in the next four weeks. Expect a busy schedule with short trips, errands, conversations with everyone plus increased reading, writing and studying.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are the financial wizard of the zodiac; in the next month, you will focus on your finances more than usual. Perhaps you'll see ways to boost your income.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today the Sun moves into your sign to stay for the next four weeks, boosting your energy and attracting people and favorable circumstances to you. Happy birthday month!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Lie low for the next month and plan what you want your new year (birthday to birthday) to be all about. Plan some goals with deadlines.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
In the month ahead, you are in for a popular stretch! Enjoy warm friendships. Join clubs, groups and associations, because interaction with others will benefit you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will look fabulous in the eyes of others in the next four weeks, even if you don't do anything special. Take advantage of this time to promote your pet project.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Travel if you can in the next four weeks because you want to get outta Dodge. If you can't travel, be a tourist in your own city.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will be passionate and intense in the month ahead. Intimate relationships will be hot! Ex-partners are also back on the scene right now. Oops.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Try to get more sleep in the next four weeks because you will be more tired than usual. Study your closest relationships to see how you can improve them.

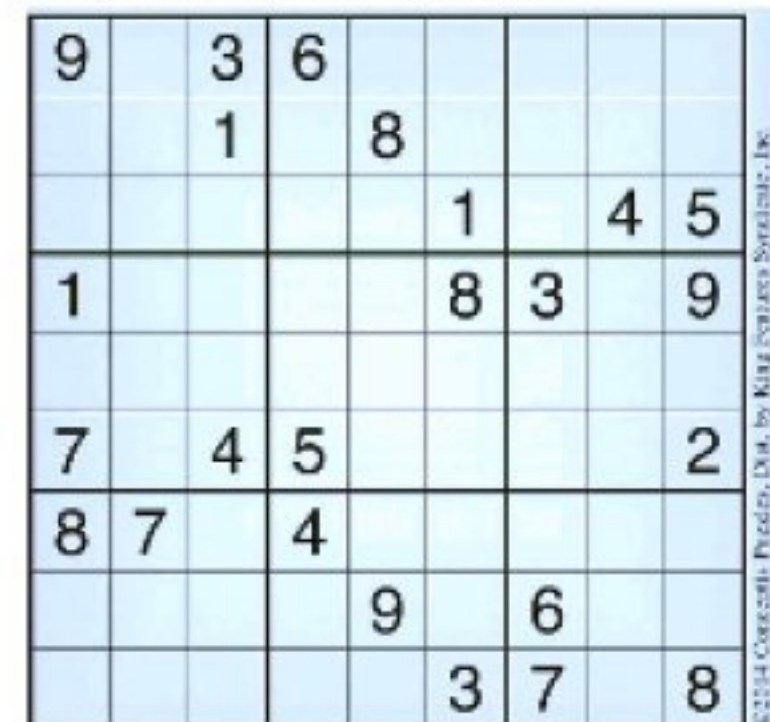
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
In the month ahead, you will be focused on improving your health as well as improving your overall efficiency and productivity at work and at home. Time to turn over a new leaf.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You want to play and go on vacation if you can in the month ahead. Romance, love affairs, sports events and social affairs will bring you joy.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Home, family and your personal life will be your top priorities in the next four weeks. An interaction with a parent could be significant.

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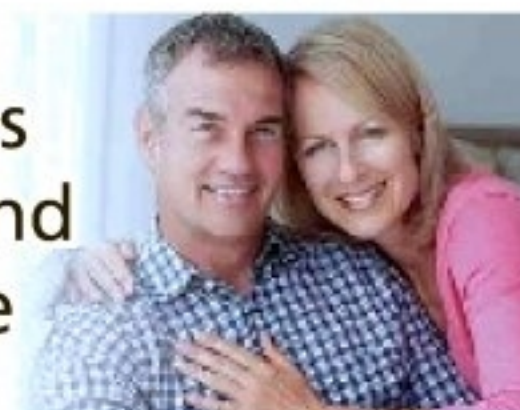
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